

Whereas Alan Reich founded the Bimillennium Foundation in 1984, to encourage leaders of nations worldwide to set year 2000 goals aimed at improving the lives of people with disabilities;

Whereas Alan Reich also served as Chairman of the People-to-People Committee on Disability, Chairman of the Paralysis Cure Research Foundation and President of the National Paraplegia Foundation;

Whereas Alan Reich, who used a wheelchair for 43 years, led an effort that raised \$1,650,000 to add the statue of President Franklin D. Roosevelt in a wheelchair to the former President's Memorial in Washington, DC, for reasons that he best expressed himself at the unveiling of the statue: "The unveiling is a major national moment, the removal of the shroud of shame that cloaks disability. The statue will become a shrine to people with disabilities, but it will also inspire everyone to overcome obstacles. When you see the memorial that follows the statue, what will be in your mind is that he did all this from a wheelchair.";

Whereas Alan Reich received the George H.W. Bush Medal in July of 2005, established to honor outstanding service under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990;

Whereas Alan Reich, through his leadership in the disability community, encouraged millions of Americans with disabilities to overcome obstacles to lead more independent and successful lives;

Whereas Alan Reich is survived by his wife, partner, and best friend, Gay, their two sons James and Jeffrey, their daughter Elizabeth, and 11 grandchildren; and

Whereas Alan Reich passed away on November 8, 2005, and the contributions he made to his family, his community, and his Nation will not be forgotten: Now, therefore, be it

Mr. ISSA (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the amendment to the preamble be considered as read and printed in the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

The amendment to the preamble was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

BUFFALO SOLDIERS COMMEMORATION ACT OF 2005

Mr. POMBO. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Resources be discharged from further consideration of the Senate bill (S. 205) to authorize the American Battle Monuments Commission to establish in the State of Louisiana a memorial to honor the Buffalo Soldiers, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the Senate bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the Senate bill, as follows:

S. 205

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Buffalo Soldiers Commemoration Act of 2005".

SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF BUFFALO SOLDIERS MEMORIAL.

(a) AUTHORIZATION.—The American Battle Monuments Commission is authorized to establish a memorial to honor the Buffalo Soldiers in or around the City of New Orleans on land donated for such purpose or on Federal land with the consent of the appropriate land manager.

(b) CONTRIBUTIONS.—The Commission shall solicit and accept contributions for the construction and maintenance of the memorial.

(c) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—The Commission may enter into a cooperative agreement with a private or public entity for the purpose of fundraising for the construction and maintenance of the memorial.

(d) MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT.—Prior to beginning construction of the memorial, the Commission shall enter into an agreement with an appropriate public or private entity to provide for the permanent maintenance of the memorial and shall have sufficient funds, or assurance that it will receive sufficient funds, to complete the memorial.

SEC. 3. BUFFALO SOLDIERS MEMORIAL ACCOUNT.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Commission shall maintain an escrow account ("account") to pay expenses incurred in constructing the memorial.

(b) DEPOSITS INTO THE ACCOUNT.—The Commission shall deposit into the account any principal and interest by the United States that the Chairman determines has a suitable maturity.

(c) USE OF ACCOUNT.—Amounts in the account, including proceeds of any investments, may be used to pay expenses incurred in establishing the memorial. After construction of the memorial amounts in the account shall be transferred by the Commission to the entity providing for permanent maintenance of the memorial under such terms and conditions as the Commission determines will ensure the proper use and accounting of the amounts.

SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this Act.

The Senate bill was ordered to be read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN NATIONAL MEMORIAL COMMEMORATION ACT OF 2005

Mr. POMBO. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Resources be discharged from further consideration of the Senate bill (S. 652) to provide financial assistance for the rehabilitation of the Benjamin Franklin National Memorial in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and the development of an exhibit to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the Senate bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the Senate bill, as follows:

S. 652

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Benjamin Franklin National Memorial Commemoration Act of 2005".

SEC. 2. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN NATIONAL MEMORIAL.

The Secretary of the Interior may provide a grant to the Franklin Institute to—

(1) rehabilitate the Benjamin Franklin National Memorial (including the Franklin statue) in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and

(2) develop an interpretive exhibit relating to Benjamin Franklin, to be displayed at a museum adjacent to the Benjamin Franklin National Memorial.

SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this Act \$10,000,000.

(b) REQUIRED MATCH.—The Secretary of the Interior shall require the Franklin Institute to match any amounts provided to the Franklin Institute under this Act.

The Senate bill was ordered to be read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

DELAWARE WATER GAP NATIONAL RECREATION AREA IMPROVE- MENT ACT

Mr. POMBO. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the Senate bill (S. 1310) to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to allow the Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation to increase the diameter of a natural gas pipeline located in the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, to allow certain commercial vehicles to continue to use Route 209 within the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, and to extend the termination date of the National Park System Advisory Board to January 1, 2007, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the Senate bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the Senate bill, as follows:

S. 1310

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Improvement Act".

SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) CORPORATION.—The term "Corporation" means the Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation.

(2) PIPELINE.—The term "pipeline" means that portion of the pipeline of the Corporation numbered 1278 that is—

(A) located in the Recreation Area; and

(B) situated on 2 tracts designated by the Corporation as ROW No. 16405 and No. 16413.

(3) RECREATION AREA.—The term "Recreation Area" means the Delaware Water Gap

National Recreation Area in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

(4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior.

(5) SUPERINTENDENT.—The term “Superintendent” means the Superintendent of the Recreation Area.

SEC. 3. EASEMENT FOR EXPANDED NATURAL GAS PIPELINE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may enter into an agreement with the Corporation to grant to the Corporation an easement to enlarge the diameter of the pipeline from 14 inches to not more than 20 inches.

(b) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The easement authorized under subsection (a) shall—

(1) be consistent with—

(A) the recreational values of the Recreation Area; and

(B) protection of the resources of the Recreation Area;

(2) include provisions for the protection of resources in the Recreation Area that ensure that only the minimum and necessary amount of disturbance, as determined by the Secretary, shall occur during the construction or maintenance of the enlarged pipeline;

(3) be consistent with the laws (including regulations) and policies applicable to units of the National Park System; and

(4) be subject to any other terms and conditions that the Secretary determines to be necessary;

(c) PERMITS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Superintendent may issue a permit to the Corporation for the use of the Recreation Area in accordance with subsection (b) for the temporary construction and staging areas required for the construction of the enlarged pipeline.

(2) PRIOR TO ISSUANCE.—The easement authorized under subsection (a) and the permit authorized under paragraph (1) shall require that before the Superintendent issues a permit for any clearing or construction, the Corporation shall—

(A) consult with the Superintendent;

(B) identify natural and cultural resources of the Recreation Area that may be damaged or lost because of the clearing or construction; and

(C) submit to the Superintendent for approval a restoration and mitigation plan that—

(i) describes how the land subject to the easement will be maintained; and

(ii) includes a schedule for, and description of, the specific activities to be carried out by the Corporation to mitigate the damages or losses to, or restore, the natural and cultural resources of the Recreation Area identified under subparagraph (B).

(d) PIPELINE REPLACEMENT REQUIREMENTS.—The enlargement of the pipeline authorized under subsection (a) shall be considered to meet the pipeline replacement requirements required by the Research and Special Programs Administration of the Department of Transportation (CPF No. 1-2002-1004-H).

(e) FERC CONSULTATION.—The Corporation shall comply with all other requirements for certification by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission that are necessary to permit the increase in pipeline size.

(f) LIMITATION.—The Secretary shall not grant any additional increases in the diameter of, or easements for, the pipeline within the boundary of the Recreation Area after the date of enactment of this Act.

(g) EFFECT ON RIGHT-OF-WAY EASEMENT.—Nothing in this Act increases the 50-foot right-of-way easement for the pipeline.

(h) PENALTIES.—On request of the Secretary, the Attorney General may bring a civil action against the Corporation in United States district court to recover damages and response costs under Public Law

101-337 (16 U.S.C. 191j et seq.) or any other applicable law if—

(1) the Corporation—

(A) violates a provision of—

(i) an easement authorized under subsection (a); or

(ii) a permit issued under subsection (c); or

(B) fails to submit or timely implement a restoration and mitigation plan approved under subsection (c)(2)(C); and

(2) the violation or failure destroys, results in the loss of, or injures any park system resource (as defined in section 1 of Public Law 101-337 (16 U.S.C. 191j)).

SEC. 4. USE OF CERTAIN ROADS WITHIN DELAWARE WATER GAP.

Section 702 of Division I of the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-333; 110 Stat. 4185) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking “at noon on September 30, 2005” and inserting “on the earlier of the date on which a feasible alternative is available or noon of September 30, 2015”; and

(2) in subsection (c)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking “September 30, 2005” and inserting “on the earlier of the date on which a feasible alternative is available or September 30, 2015”; and

(B) in paragraph (2)—

(i) by striking “noon on September 30, 2005” and inserting “the earlier of the date on which a feasible alternative is available or noon of September 30, 2015”; and

(ii) by striking “not exceed \$25 per trip” and inserting the following: “be established at a rate that would cover the cost of collection of the commercial use fee, but not to exceed \$40 per trip”.

SEC. 5. TERMINATION OF NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM ADVISORY BOARD.

Effective on January 1, 2006, section 3(f) of the Act of August 21, 1935 (16 U.S.C. 463(f)) is amended in the first sentence by striking “2006” and inserting “2007”.

The Senate bill was ordered to be read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PUBLIC LANDS CORPS HEALTHY FORESTS RESTORATION ACT OF 2005

Mr. POMBO. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the Senate bill (S. 1238) to amend the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 to provide for the conduct of projects that protect forests, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the Senate bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the right to object.

I have a question for the gentleman. Does this deal with harvesting of trees of old growth forests in national parks?

Mr. POMBO. No, it does not.

Mr. KUCINICH. I thank the gentleman.

Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the Senate bill, as follows:

S. 1238

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Public Lands Corps Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2005”.

SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO THE PUBLIC LANDS CORPS ACT OF 1993.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 203 of the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 (16 U.S.C. 1722) is amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraphs (8), (9), (10), and (11) as paragraphs (9), (10), (11), and (13), respectively;

(2) by inserting after paragraph (7) the following:

“(8) PRIORITY PROJECT.—The term ‘priority project’ means an appropriate conservation project conducted on eligible service lands to further 1 or more of the purposes of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 (16 U.S.C. 6501 et seq.), as follows:

“(A) To reduce wildfire risk to a community, municipal water supply, or other at-risk Federal land.

“(B) To protect a watershed or address a threat to forest and rangeland health, including catastrophic wildfire.

“(C) To address the impact of insect or disease infestations or other damaging agents on forest and rangeland health.

“(D) To protect, restore, or enhance forest ecosystem components to—

“(i) promote the recovery of threatened or endangered species;

“(ii) improve biological diversity; or

“(iii) enhance productivity and carbon sequestration.”; and

(3) by inserting after paragraph (11) (as redesignated by paragraph (1)) the following:

“(12) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Secretary’ means—

“(A) with respect to National Forest System land, the Secretary of Agriculture; and

“(B) with respect to Indian lands, Hawaiian home lands, or land administered by the Department of the Interior, the Secretary of the Interior.”.

(b) QUALIFIED YOUTH OR CONSERVATION CORPS.—Section 204(c) of the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 (16 U.S.C. 1723(c)) is amended—

(1) by striking “The Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture are” and inserting the following:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary is”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(2) PREFERENCE.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of entering into contracts and cooperative agreements under paragraph (1), the Secretary may give preference to qualified youth or conservation corps located in a specific area that have a substantial portion of members who are economically, physically, or educationally disadvantaged to carry out projects within the area.

“(B) PRIORITY PROJECTS.—In carrying out priority projects in a specific area, the Secretary shall, to the maximum extent practicable, give preference to qualified youth or conservation corps located in that specific area that have a substantial portion of members who are economically, physically, or educationally disadvantaged.”.

(c) CONSERVATION PROJECTS.—Section 204(d) of the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 (16 U.S.C. 1723(d)) is amended—

(1) in the first sentence—

(A) by striking “The Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture may each” and inserting the following:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may”; and